

Tinley Park Sister Cities Commission

Minutes June 15, 2022

7:00 p.m. Kallsen Center

The July 20, 2022 meeting was held in the Council Chamber and called to order at 7:03 p.m. by Vice-Chairman Lucas Hawley led the meeting.

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call:

- Recognize Commission members present: Secretary/Commissioner Roxane Tyssen ; Commissioners: Lucas Hawley, Jim Muller, Michele Rons, George Rohde, and Mike Roche
- Staff Liaison: N/A
- Absent: Chairman/Commissioner Patrick Rea; Commissioners: David Niemeyer, Sarah Krause; Associate Commissioner: Andrae Marak; Trustee Liaison: William Brady

Approval of Minutes:

- There was no quorum in May, April minutes were presented for approval. George Rohde made a motion to approve the minutes, Michele Rons seconded. All were in favor, motion passed. June minutes were reviewed. George Rohde made the motion to approve, Jim Muller seconded. All were in favor, motion passed.

Sister City Updates:

Büdingen, Germany Update:

- Roxane spoke to Edda Denengardt over the past weekend. They are managing the heat as best as they can.
- A date was set for a zoom call in August on the 6th.
- The upcoming 50th anniversary of the joining of the surrounding villages and cities of Büdingen to become the (greater) city of Büdingen is coming up in September. Roxane is putting together a photo array to send to them to use as part of this celebration. There is an open invitation for anyone to attend this event.
- They are still looking for bench artists. Roxane will work on getting the contact information for our current artists that reside in Tinley Park.

Mallow, Ireland Update:

- There is no update from Mallow.

Nowy Sącz, Poland:

- We have no updates on Poland.
- Roxane will reach out to a contact that currently residing in Poland near Nowy Sącz.

Prospective Sister Cities:

Jordan, Aqaba:

- We will invite Consul General Swiss to a future meeting to discuss going there. The target timeframe we are thinking of is still sometime in March.

Municipality of Ghadamis, Libya:

- We are still waiting for the call to be scheduled.

Additional Potential Sister Cities

- Queretaro, Mexico
 - On hold until August.

Old Business:

- Nothing to report.

New and Upcoming Business:

Public comments/Announcements:

- Two Andrew high school students and their parents were present to discuss the recent student exchange with the Gymnasium in Büdingen. This is the first time we have had Andrew students come to our meeting and they provided us with the highlights of their trip there. This included explaining to us how the exchanges are organized, the activities they attend while there, and a general overview of the trip.
- The commissioners thanked them for joining the meeting and they were presented with pins from Büdingen as well as pins of the German and American flags.

Adjourned:

- Lucas Hawley made a motion to adjourn, Mike Roche seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 8:12 p.m.